Acknowledgments vii

PART ONE

1 Introduction: Reconstructing a Journey 3
2 From Rajadharma (the King's "Whole Duty") to Dharmanaraja (the "Righteous Ruler") 9
3 The Brahmanical Theory of Society and Kingship 19
4 The Early Buddhist Conception of World Process, Dharma, and Kingship 32
5 Asoka Maurya: The Paradigm 54
6 Thai Kingship and Polity in Historical Perspective 73
7 The Galactic Polity 102
8 The Kingdom of Ayutthaya: Design and Process 132
9 Asokan and Sinhalese Traditions Concerning the Purification of the Sangha 159
10 The Sangha and the Polity: From Ayutthaya to Bangkok 179
11 The Nineteenth-Century Achievements of Religion and Sangha 200
   Appendix to Chapter 11: The Symbolization of Monarchy in the Nineteenth Century 225
12 The Sangha Acts of 1902, 1941, and 1963 230

PART TWO

13 The Composition and Distribution of Religious Personnel: What the Figures Say 265
14 Monkhood as an Avenue of Social Mobility 288
15 Monastic Careers and Monastic Network 313
   Appendix to Chapter 15: Monastic Networks in Christian Europe and Thailand 360
16 Patronage of the Sangha and the Legitimation of the Polity 365
17 Reformism and Ideological Transformation Based on Tradition 401
18 Missionary Monks (Thammathud) and National Development 434
   Appendix to Chapter 18: The Monks' Universities 484
vi

Contents

19 The Politics of National Development and the Symbols of Legitimacy 472
20 Dialectical Tensions, Continuities, Transformations, and the Uses of the Past 515

Bibliography 531
Index 541